

The Social Buzz

School of Social Work

August 21-August 28, 2024



WELCOME FROM THE DIRECTOR

The start of a semester is always full of new energy, expectations, and experiences. I am so excited to join you on your educational journey through the social work program at New Mexico State University. My name is Dr. Mary Nienow, and like many of you, I am experiencing a lot of “new” things as we embark upon the start of the semester. I am coming to New Mexico from Minnesota, which is where I grew up, went to

school, got married, and raised my daughter. I started coming to the southwest for visits with my in-laws about ten years ago and immediately fell in love with the area. I thought this is where I would retire, but instead I had the good fortune to be hired as Director of the School of Social Work here at NMSU. My background is in macro practice social work which has included policy research, lobbying, organizing, and starting my own nonprofit. I have been teaching for over 15 years and love working with social work students and new professionals. You are the reason every one of your faculty, advisors, and coordinators are here. This is your academic home. I look forward to us being in community together and building a culture of belonging, learning, and support. Do not hesitate to reach out to me or any of the amazing faculty and staff who are here to facilitate and guide you toward reaching your goal of becoming a professional social worker.



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ABOUT



The Social Buzz newsletter serves as a key communication tool, keeping students, faculty, and alumni informed about the school news, events, and achievements. It fosters a sense of community, provides educational content, and supports professional development by sharing resources, job opportunities, and updates on social work practice. Additionally, the newsletter promotes school's programs, enhances recruitment efforts, and advocated for social justice issues, thereby connecting and engaging the broader social work community.

EVENTS

BSSWA Meet and Greet Barbeque

Hosted by Bachelor
Student Social Work
Association

Friday, August 30, 2024 at
6:30 PM

Preciado Park
Please RSVP



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STUDENT EMPLOYMENT FAIR

Check Handshake for more details!
<https://oel.nmsu.edu> - (575) 646-1631



BE BOLD. Shape the Future.
Office of Experiential Learning

August 27th, 2024

10am - 1pm

Aggie Lounge,

1st Floor, Corbett Center

The NMSU Office of Experiential Learning invites students to attend the:

NMSU Student Employment Fair
Tuesday, August 27th
10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Corbett Center, 1st Floor-Aggie Lounge

Engage with both on and off-campus employers offering student employment positions (work study and non-work study) flexible with your schedule.

Stop by on **August 27th** to learn more about positions within their departments or businesses.

Please view the employers participating within the link below in Handshake.

For additional information or requests, contact the Office of Experiential Learning at 575-646-1631 or oel@nmsu.edu or visit <https://oel.nmsu.edu/>.

 Career Fair

NMSU Student Employment Fair 2024 (11th annual)



August 27, 2024 • 10:00 am - 1:00 pm MDT

20 employers attending



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Résumé Building 101

Aug. 23 | 11 a.m. to noon | Hardman and Jacobs Undergraduate Learning Center, Room 206, and Zoom | In this interactive workshop, students will create an effective résumé or improve on the one they have. This is a hands-on workshop and students are encouraged to bring a digital copy of their résumé. For more information, visit the Student Success Center website. Contact Yvonne Franco at yrel@nmsu.edu with questions.

ON GOING EVENTS

In person coffee with the Practicum team! Get tips, assistance and have a great conversations while enjoy a nice cup of coffee!



NMSU SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

PRACTICUM

CAFE

In-person coffee and virtual coffee for main campus and global students.

HEST Building Room 219
<https://nmsu.zoom.us/j/5650873106>

SEPT 11 OCT 9
NOV 13 DEC 11

10 AM

Join the practicum team for a cup of coffee and practicum discussion!
We will share tips, offer assistance and have great conversations



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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRACTICUM STUDENTS!

Start practicum at your agency this week!

NO Seminar classes 8/21-8/23

FIRST SEMINAR CLASS -Be sure to attend class!

BSW-week of 8/26

MSW Gen – Week of 8/26

MSW Adv Gen – Week of 9/11

A practicum person will be in your first classes to show you how to use Tevera. Please keep track of your hours on your own until we visit. Bring your laptop or computer to class and we can walk you through your first time sheet.



The Child Welfare Scholar Program is currently accepting applications for the 2024 - 25 academic year. The deadline has been extended to August 31, 2024, by noon.

If you are interested in applying, please visit the Child Welfare Scholar Program website to access the online application:

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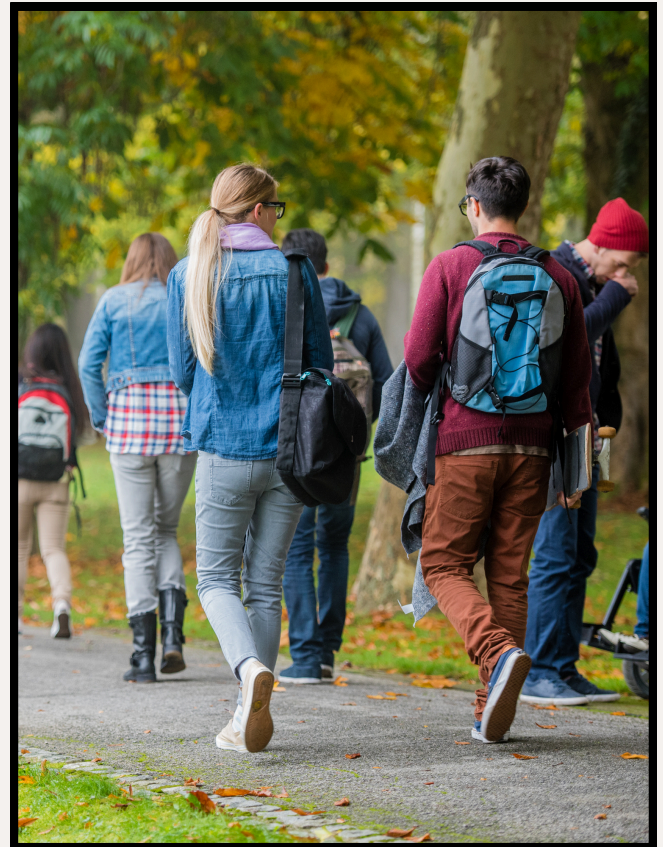
Bachelor Student Social Work Association (BSSWA) is an organization where we want to help you develop, practice, and improve your skills to help you become a professional, ethical, and well-rounded social worker. As the year progresses, the BSSWA will organize activities and events for all members to attend, whether for fundraising, community service, or a membership activity. These events will be posted in the announcements and collaborations.

How to join:

To be applicable to join the organization you need to be enrolled in the New Mexico State University School of Social Work as an undergraduate Social Work major or shall hold an enrollment as a Pre-Social Work major.

Becoming a member takes a few easy steps that include:

- Attend at least one meeting
- Pay initial membership dues



Upcoming event: Our first meeting!!!

When: September 12th , 2024

Where: HSS building room 218

Time: 6:30 PM

Group me: We also have a group me in which we send updates and reminders about upcoming events/ meetings. If you would like to join in to see a little bit more of what is going on. [Here is the link!!!](#)

For further information on how to join or who we are you can contact our officers:

- President Celia Acosta (575) 621-9936
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- Vice President Lyzbeth Pina (915) 803-8342
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Attention MSW students!

The Graduate Social Work Student Association (GSSWA) is welcoming new members for the upcoming year. If you're passionate about social work, advocacy, and professional development, this is the perfect opportunity to get involved.

Stay tuned for details about our first meeting, coming soon! Keep an eye out for updates and join us in building a supportive and engaging community. We look forward to connecting with you!



TIPS AND TOOLS

Navigate campus with ease with NMSU's Interactive Campus Map! Wondering what HSS stands for? Discover class locations by building abbreviations, and enable your location settings for real-time directions. Head to map.nmsu.edu to explore parking, dining services, building, and more!



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RESOURCES AND OPPORTUNITIES

Child Welfare Scholar Program Licensing Preparation Program

The Licensing Preparation Program, offered by the Child Welfare Scholar Program, supports social workers preparing for their BSW, MSW, or LCSW examinations. This program is designed to help participants understand the structure of the exams, develop effective strategies for answering questions, and enhance their overall success. Through comprehensive seminars, participants will learn proven techniques for navigating multiple-choice questions and receive an organized, in-depth content review to boost their readiness for the Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB) Examination.



UPCOMING SEMINARS

1st Fall 2-Day Licensing Exam Preparation Program Zoom Seminar

Friday, September 27, 2024, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 28, 2024, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

1st FALL Dissemination Zoom Session

Saturday, October 19, 2024, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Fees: \$50 Students \$75 Non-Students Scholarships are available for students facing financial difficulties. Child Welfare Scholars are eligible to attend at no cost and are given priority. Registration for all other participants is on a first-come, first-served basis, with a maximum of 25 participants per seminar

Child Welfare Scholar Program Resource Room

The Child Welfare Scholar Program Resource Room is a dedicated space within the School of Social Work located in suite 232 of the Health and Social Services building, designed to support your academic and professional journey. Where you'll find various essential resources, including specialized social work and child welfare materials, licensing exam prep resources, and a quiet study area for focused work. The room is equipped with new computers, free printing, and a conference room available for group work or meetings. Whether you're preparing for exams, working on assignments, or collaborating with peers, this space is here to enhance your success.

More Information: Erica Tontodonati at ericat@nmsu.edu or 575-646-5711



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HOW CAN
WE HELP
YOU?



ATTENTION SOCIAL WORK STUDENTS

NEED ASSISTANCE?

Meet our Senior Student
Program Coordinators

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Academic Requirements
Registration Assistance
Program Information
Support Services
Career Guidance
Workshops and Events
Personal Support

Administrative Assistance
Notary Services Available
Asistencia en español disponible

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FOR MORE INFORMATION

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SOCIAL WORK SPOTLIGHT

SHARE YOUR ACHIEVEMENTS: SUBMIT A SPOTLIGHT!

We're excited to showcase the incredible accomplishments and stories within our School of Social Work, NMSU community! Whether you're a faculty member, staff, or student, we want to hear from you.

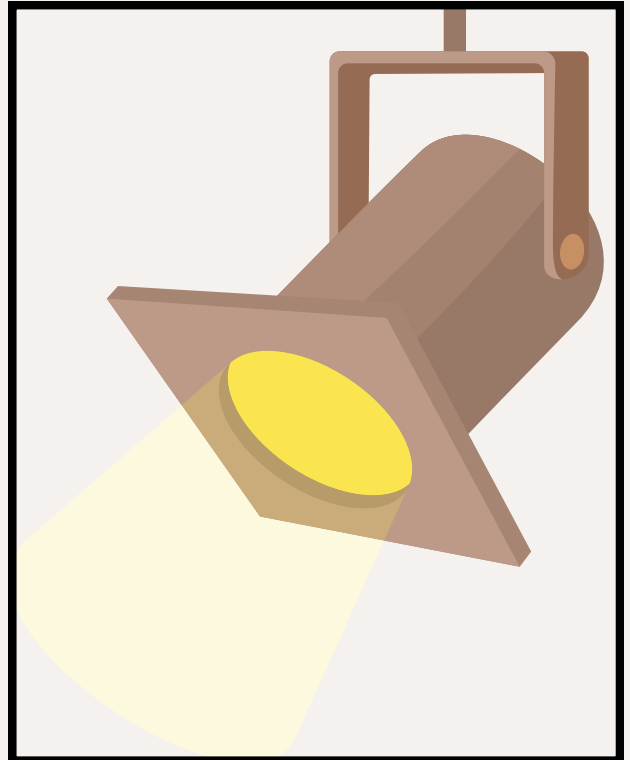
What's a Spotlight?

A spotlight is a brief highlight of your recent achievements, innovative projects, or inspiring stories. It's a chance to celebrate the amazing work happening at NMSU and share it with our entire community.

How to Submit:

1. Prepare Your Spotlight: Keep it short and sweet—just a few sentences or a short paragraph. Include any relevant details, such as awards, research, events, or personal milestones.
2. Send It In: Email your spotlight to mkeeper@nmsu.edu

Help us shine a light on the remarkable contributions of our NMSU family! We look forward to sharing your stories.





COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



DOÑA ANA COUNTY RESILIENCE LEADERS 2024 SUMMIT

We invite the community and our partners to join us as we reveal the results of our county-wide survey and collaboratively work on our strategic plan to continue our work preventing adverse childhood experiences and trauma. Together, we can make a lasting impact!



FRIDAY

30 AUGUST, 2024



LAS CRUCES

CONVENTION CENTER

680 E UNIVERSITY AVE
LAS CRUCES NM 88001



START AT

8:00 AM - 3:00 PM

REGISTER TODAY

<https://bit.ly/DACRL2024>



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Immigration Listening Session

**Tuesday, August 27
4:30 - 5:30 PM
Domenici Hall 102**

The Latin American Student Council and NMSU Dream Team invite you to share your voice and perspectives. Join this listening session to discuss immigration-related issues and challenges. We will share resources, build community and support networks.



Free coffee and tea
while supplies last.

NMSU students from all immigration
backgrounds are invited!



Latin American
Programs



BUZZ IN NEXT WEEK

Stay tuned for the latest updates, stories, and highlights from the School of Social Work!

In next week's edition, we'll bring you:

- Spotlights on Recent Achievements
- Upcoming Events and Workshops
- Student and Faculty Features
- Useful Resources and Tips

Got something to share or a question to ask?

Feel free to reach out to us:

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We'd love to hear from you and feature your news in our next issue!



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